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If US is richest country, why isn't it the tallest?



NEW YORK—AMERICA used to be the tallest country in the world.

LA cardinal apologizes to sex abuse victims

LOS ANGELES—CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY, leader of America's largest Roman Catholic archdiocese, apologized on Sunday to the hundreds of people who will get a share of a $660-million settlement over allegations of sex abuse by the clergy.

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Puno: Time to use power of judiciary



PUNO: Unprecedented summit

Militants sit beside 'suspects' at summit

By Volt Contreras, Norman Bordadora and TJ Burgonio

LADY JUSTICE MUST NOW "unsheathe (her) unused power" if elected political leaders entrusted with upholding human rights cannot fulfill that role, Chief Justice Reynato Puno said yesterday at the unprecedented summit he called to stem the surge of extrajudicial killings in the country.

PUNO/A10

Experts say GMA, officers may be liable

By Volt Contreras and Leila B. Salaverria

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IT'S TIME for Lady Justice to unsheathe her sword, says Chief Justice Reynato Puno. Above is the statue of Lady Justice in front of the Supreme Court building on Taft Avenue, Manila.

High court asked to rule on legality of terror law

By Leila B. Salaverria and Christian V. Esguerra

IN THE FIRST LEGAL MOVE AGAINST the antiterror law, a group advocating peace and a human rights lawyer yesterday questioned the constitutionality of the statute's "poorly framed" definition of terrorism.

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Anti-Red paper called for antiterror act

By Norman Bordadora

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Writ of amparo protects citizens against abuses

By Ismael G. Khan Jr.

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AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Esperon and Bayan Muna Rep. Ocampo talk to the media during Monday's summit at the Manila Hotel.

MILF won't surrender rebels behind beheading of Marines

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WEATHER FORECAST

PEACE TALKS COULD RESUME

Esperon calls for truce with Reds

By Fe Zamora and TJ Burgonio

ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF GEN. HERMOGENES Esperon yesterday called for a revival of the peace talks with the communists but on condition the insurgents agree to a bilateral ceasefire for the remaining three years of President Macapagal-Arroyo's term in 2010.

Google SEC website 'harmful'

By Erwin Oliva



NO TO DEAL WITH JAPAN

Bedol must face raps at Comelec today

By Jerome Aning

Isafp party funds for Jonas

By Fe Zamora and Christine O. Avendaño

Asean holds 2-day meet on rights





Garcia proposes new rules in Speaker race

By Norman Bordadora and Christian V. [illegible]

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Zero tariffs para sa dayuhang kalakal? Trabaho at negosyo para sa ibang bayan?

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

Madame President:

In the past, you not only championed the nurturing and strengthening of our industrial base. **You even took the unprecedented bold move of temporarily freezing tariffs.** However, some of your technocrats maybe straying from your vision. **We therefore bring this matter to your attention,** so that the Philippines may not appear to be an aberration in Asia.

By lowering our tariffs ahead of other Asian countries and yet failing to provide our local producers a competitive enabling environment (cheaper energy and utilities, quality infrastructures, friendly business rules, credit access, etc.), some of our own government officials have managed to stop our industrial and agricultural sectors from growing in the last three decades! In this period, the Philippines was overtaken and left behind in the growth process by our Asian neighbors. Even Vietnam is about to overtake us.

And yet amazingly, some of our economic technocrats are bent on pushing the country to the extreme edge of the disastrous program of unilateral and one-sided economic liberalization. They want our industrial tariffs, at an average of five (5) per cent and already the lowest in Asia with the notable exception of Singapore (whose industry enjoys heavy government assistance) and Japan (which maintains a labyrinthian system of non-tariff protection), to even go down to zero! This despite the fact that our government is facing a severe fiscal shortfall – with the Bureau of Customs unable to meet its targets because of our low tariff rates and widespread smuggling, and our Bureau of Internal Revenue unable to collect more taxes from a shrinking domestic industrial sector. **This illogical move to go zero tariff shall reduce the government's revenue and weaken further our domestic industrial and agricultural producers!**

For example, the domestic cement industry is now able to survive the existing five per cent tariff, which is unfairly low compared to the 50 per cent tariff imposed by Malaysia, 40 per cent by Vietnam, and 10 per cent by Thailand (which maintains zero-cement import policy).

If our zero-minded tariff officials would have their way, the Philippine cement industry is likely to collapse. To justify the zero move, they have been raising specious arguments. First, they claim there is no competition. But at five per cent tariff, any importer can easily bring in imports. There are already seven domestic producers, some of whom are engaged in limited importations. Second, they claim that domestic cement prices are unfairly high. And yet, benchmarked with those prevailing in Asia, **Philippine cement prices are at the middle-level range, lower than India's but higher than those in Indonesia and Vietnam, which have a much lower energy costs, the main determinant of cement production cost.** In addition, cement price increases **have been lower than inflation** over the last ten years. Third, they say that the Philippine cement industry is now dominated by foreigners. But were these foreign investors not allowed to come in precisely to save the industry from total collapse, in the aftermath of the 1997-98 Asian financial crisis? The development challenge is how to encourage these investors, who are currently getting rates of return even below the cost of capital, **to continue modernizing and sustaining the domestic cement industry under a fair and balanced system of competition.** But changing the rules of the game in midstream and exposing these investors to unfair trade rules directly contradict the government's campaign for foreign investments.

Madame President, if an industry as capital-intensive as the cement industry can not survive this zero-tariff assault, how can the other domestic industries and agriculture withstand the pressure for the country to go zero-tariff?

Such blind unilateral liberalization measures constitute, in the words of Justice Florentino Feliciano (former WTO Dispute Settlement Presiding Judge), 'unilateral disarmament'. The problem is that **what these zero-tariff technocrats are disarming is a nation and its capacity to attain your vision of achieving developed industry status by 2020 or beyond.** For without a solid and strong industrial base, no nation can aspire to become a First World country.

Mahal na Pangulo, hinihiling naming: Irepaso at baguhin ang ating mga patakaran sa kalakalan. Bigyan ng pantay na pagkakataon ang sarili nating industriya at agrikultura na makasabay sa karera sa daigdig ng kompetisyon sa ilalim ng makatarungan at makatwirang mga patakaran sa taripa at kalakalan!

Fair Trade Alliance (FairTrade) • Citizens' Alliance for Consumer Power (CACP) • Philippine Rural Reconstruction Network (PRRM) • PEACE Foundation / UNORKA • Alliance for Rural Concerns (ARC) • Philippine Sugar Millers Association (PSMA) • KAISAMPALAD • WomanHealth Philippines • Samahan ng Magsasapatos sa Pilipinas (SMP) • Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Service (IDEALS) • Automotive Industry Workers Alliance (AIWA) • National Labor Union (NLU) • National Confederation of Labor (NCL) • National Federation of Labor (NFL) • Alliance of Construction and Informal Workers of the Philippines (ACIW) • National Union of Bank Employees (NUBE) • Union Network International - Philippine Liaison Council • PATAMABA • Youth Advocates for Economic Progress (YAEP)

Party-lists take rule fight to high tribunal

By Leila B. Salaverria and Christian V. Esguerra





Hero-soldier killed by 'friendly fire'

Cyber crimes law needed, say cops

MILF won't surrender rebels behind beheading of Marines

Imam killed

Attackers were young men

Senators score weak AFP intelligence

An alibi

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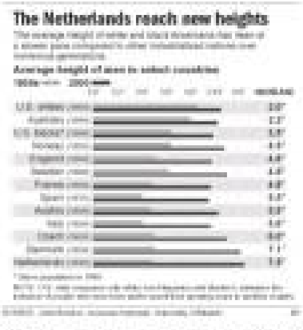
CARDINAL Mahony: Mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.

Terms of settlement

Disappointment, relief

508 remaining cases

If US is richest country, why isn't it the tallest?



Height matters

Mix of genes, environment

Richer, taller

Poor diet

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GMA: Better education will be my legacy

By Michael Lim Ubac

Cops to ask Lim not to open bridge

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Juan L. Mercado

Still, what opposition?

There's the Rub



Conrado de Quiros

Do justice to slain Marines



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Without unlawful demand

Wrong solution

Protecting only the state

Anti-Red paper called for antiterror act

Pro-Palace party-list groups

Coup de grace

Antiterror bill

Special ops vs CPP officials

Across the NATION

Media killings getting bolder, summit told

THE ASSASSINATION OF INQUIRER CORRESPONDENT Delfin Mallari Jr. in March was an attack that shows the increased audacity of journalist killers in the country, an expert on the media told the summit on extrajudicial killings yesterday.



Gov's hands seen in bid to soften Mallari case



GETTING THERE

Turnout heavy for new voter registration

Comelec loses machine for new voter list-up

Workers at ruined hotel recall 1990 Baguio earthquake



S. Korea apologizes



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TV host may face spouse abuse raps

Bail recommended for Willy; petition for review expected



REVILLAME: Probable cause



From desk jobs to street watch for 'Charlie's Angels'

By Jeannette I. Andrade

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Cops looking for 2 men in shooting incident

Lim bans students from computer shops

Task force, desk to handle bank robs set up

By Kristine L. Alave

Siblings pay price for keeping silent

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Churchgoer stabs 5 after listening to sermon

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Judge junks libel case filed by Arroyo vs Tulfos

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New equipment to enhance cops' shooting skills

By Allison W. Lopez



No monopoly of savagery and barbarity

On Target

Ramon Tulfo



Israel to stop hunting 180 wanted Fatah militants



JEWISH STATE'S 9TH LEADER

Peres vows to pursue peace as Israel president



German president intervenes in 'targeted killing' row



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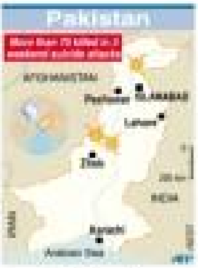
Strong quake rocks Japan, kills at least 5

Australia detains Indian terror suspect freed on bail

The WORLD

Over 70 dead in 3 Pakistan suicide attacks

ISLAMABAD—SUICIDE BOMBINGS KILLED OVER 70 people in three weekend attacks in Pakistan, police said Sunday, after Islamic militants called for holy war over a deadly army raid on a pro-Taliban mosque.



Former Bangladesh PM arrested on corruption charges



POLICE escort former Bangladeshi Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina (center) to a court in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on July 16.

24 Iranians escape from Iraqi prison

Sarkozy, Merkel to tackle problems of troubled Airbus



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Son of Osama weds divorcee

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■ Rasmussen conquers Alps as Vinokourov keeps lead

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TARGET: TOKUSHIMA

Good fortune, solid play 'key for RP five'

By Musong R. Castillo

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RP Open badminton kickoff rites set today





TNT Pals have a ball on Washington's day

By Musong R. Castillo

Eaglets rip Tiger Cubs; Baby Tams keep pace

By Jasmine W. Payo



GRAND ENTRANCE. Reigning champion Cyna Rodriguez carries the Philippine flag at the head of the large Filipino delegation at the well-attended opening ceremonies of the 2007 Callaway Junior World golf championships at Torrey Pines in San Diego, California. The tournament is set July 14-20.

NSAs told to look for funds

Good fortune, solid play crucial . . .

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Fernandez, Altamirano head SBP training centers



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Milo Junior Tennis Cup gets going in Iligan Saturday

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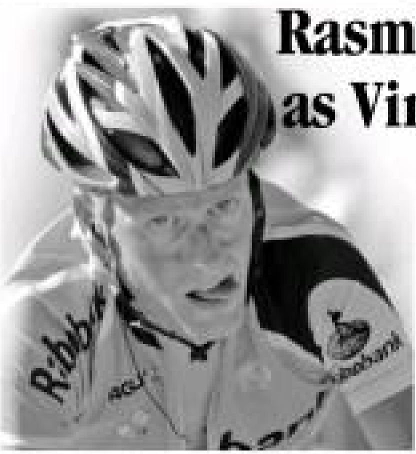
BY TOP CHOICE

NCAA JUNIOR CAGING

Staglets, Squires show way

By Marc Anthony Reyes

Rasmussen conquers Alps as Vinokourov keeps lead



MICHAEL Rasmussen of Denmark strains on his way to victory in the 8th stage.

Russia trips US in Fed Cup semis



DOUBLES partners Elena Vesnina (left) and Nadia Petrova of Russia react after beating Venus Williams and Lisa Raymond of the US.

Italy claws back to repulse France



FRANCESCA Schiavone

Dodgers cut Giants to size; Phillies set sport losing record



BARRY BONDS: Hitting slump

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JONATHAN Byrd watches his drive off the sixth tee during the final round.

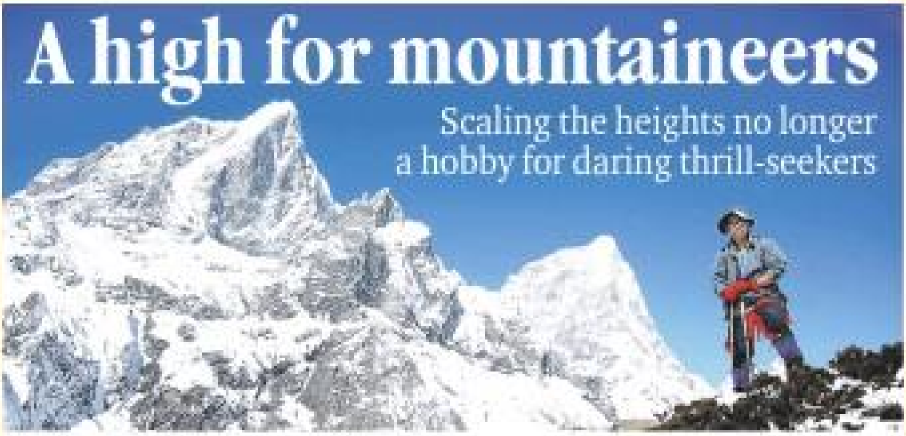
Byrd snares Deere plum

Phil blows win; Tiger likes Carnoustie



WOODS: Focused

SPORTS



A high for mountaineers

Scaling the heights no longer a hobby for daring thrill-seekers



Japanese, Taiwanese head tough Pony field



Asian karting 2nd leg blasts off Thursday

Lady Stags, Staglets down St. Benilde volley squads

BUSINESS

Editor Raul J. Marcelo • Assistant Editor Corrie S. Narisma

Gov't sees strong growth in second quarter



More infrastructure funds readied

CONSUMER DEMAND AND EXPENDITURE RELATED to congressional elections has continued to boost the economy in the second quarter after a stellar first quarter, according to a senior economic official.

"We see indicators for strong growth for [the second quarter]," Dennis Arroyo, head of policy planning at the economic planning agency told the Inquirer in an interview.

"For example, more than election spending, a big factor in (the first quarter), peaked not in Q1 but in Q2. Secondly, even the stock market peaked not in Q1 but also in Q2 and going on this month."

"We see signs of strong consumer spending, in particular car sales went quite up. So, [the second quarter] will be strong."

The Philippines enjoyed its highest annual growth in 17 years in the first

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BREAKTIME

Conrado R. Banal III

CAUGHT IN THE ACT ONLY ABOUT two weeks ago at the Subic Bay free port zone—surprise—the "smuggling" of power generators.

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6-mo dollar inflows beat BSP target

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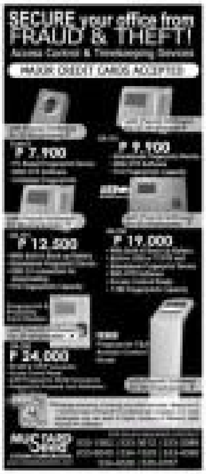


Treasury rejects bids for 6-mo, 1-yr T-bills

Banks' bids 'absurdly high,' BTr says

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Palace vows to go after tax evaders





Private firms' social investments get bigger



Asia shares ease; oil prices seen to hit record high



Car imports test South Koreans' patriotism

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In the United States, angst grows over globalization 'menace'

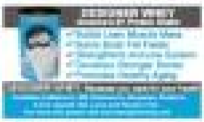
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Bad press stokes China's fury

Bancroft family member bent on blocking sale of Dow Jones

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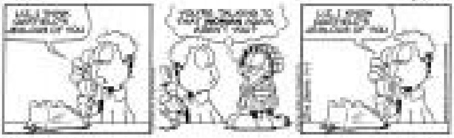
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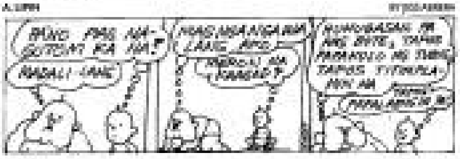
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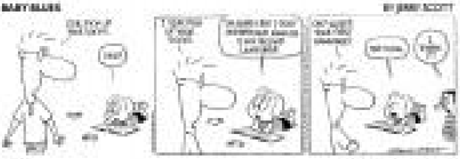
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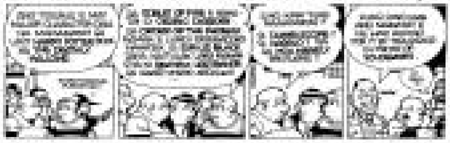
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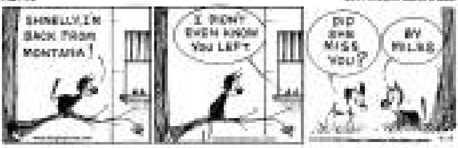


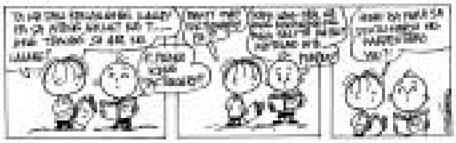
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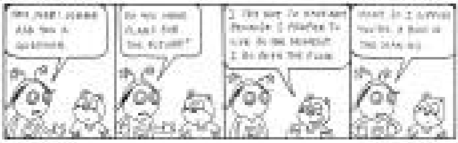


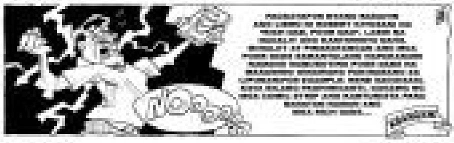


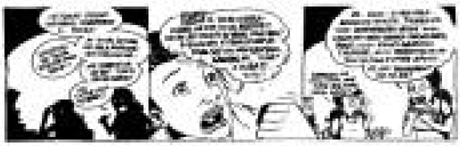
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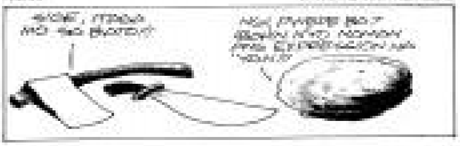






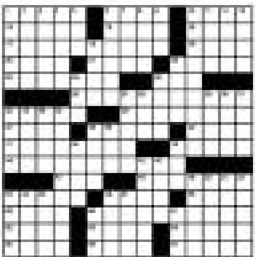


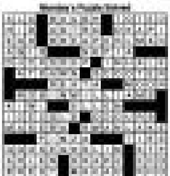
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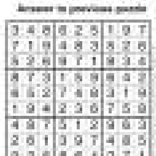
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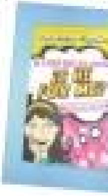


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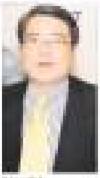
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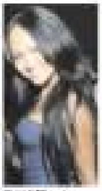




We say 'mabuhay' to a rewarding partnership








WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



Night of vices

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The paranormal in the workplace

Strange deaths in a car accessories manufacturing firm

Dead tycoon wants favorite desk back

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Editor: Emmie G. Velarde



Martin denies Katrina called his kids monkeys

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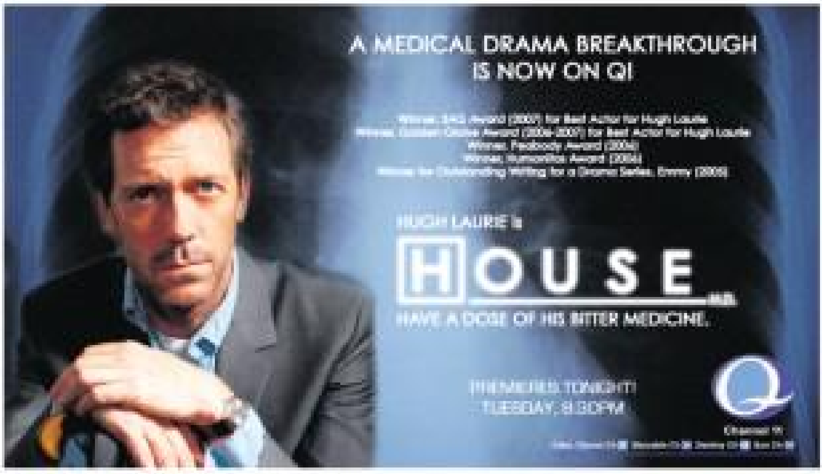
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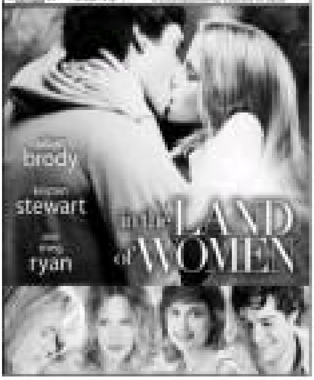
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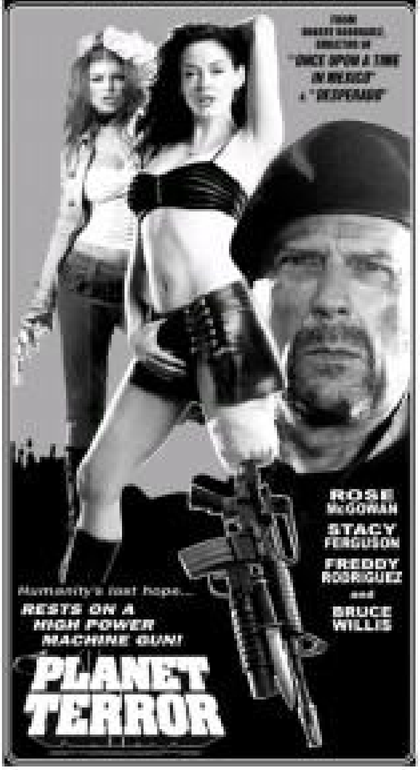
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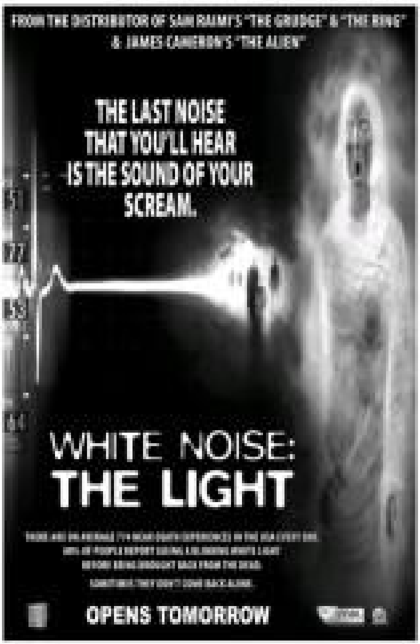


Coming soon: 'The Simpsons Movie'

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"THE SIMPSONS MOVIE"

Monkey buddy





At the Cinemas

Cinema	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
GLORIETTA 1	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	DIE HARD 4.0			
GLORIETTA 4	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	DIE HARD 4.0	RATATOUILLE / TRANSFORMERS	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX
GREENBELT 1	DIE HARD 4.0	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX					
GREENBELT 3	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	DIE HARD 4.0	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX		
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	DIE HARD 4.0	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX		
AYALA CENTER CEBU	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	DIE HARD 4.0			
MARKET! MARKET!	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	DIE HARD 4.0	TRANSFORMERS	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX		
TRINOMA	DIE HARD 4.0	RATATOUILLE / TRANSFORMERS	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX

At the Malls

Ayala Malls

- Glorietta
- Greenbelt
- Alabang Town Center
- Ayala Center Cebu
- Market! Market!
- Onstage
- Ayala Museum
- TriNoma







